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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SUMMIT CONFERENCES,
KHARTOUM, JULY 1978

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1. AS ADDRESSEE POSTS AWARE, OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEET
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AT KHARTOUM JULY 7-15, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE OAU
SUMMIT JULY 18-21. FOLLOWING MAJOR TOPICS WE ENVISAGE
COMING UP FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY THESE MEETINGS OR WHICH
ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN WASHINGTON. ACTION POSTS
SHOULD REPORT ON THESE AND OTHER OAU ISSUES THAT ARISE IN
THEIR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE, DURING
AND AFTER THE OAU CONFERENCES.

FOR ADDIS AND KHARTOUM: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ADDIS
POL OFFICER RICK ROTH WILL TRAVEL TO KHARTOUM TO ASSIST
EMBASSY IN COVERING BOTH CONFERENCES.

2. ISSUES TO WATCH:

-- DIFFERING MEMBER STATE VIEWS ON SOVIET-CUBAN MILITARY
INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA, ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE AS WELL AS
FRENCH AND OTHER WESTERN ACTIONS.

-- ATTEMPTS TO REVITALIZE THE OAU, PARTICULARLY WITH RE-
GARD TO PEACEKEEPING AND MEDIATION EFFORTS.

-- FURTHER REACTION TO SHABA II AND AFRICAN TROOP PRESENCE
IN ZAIRE.

-- DEBATE ON US, UK AND OTHER WESTERN EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA
AND RHODESIA; CALLS FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH
AFRICA; DEBATE ON STATUS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

-- ATTITUDES TOWARD POLITICAL VERSUS MILITARY SETTLEMENT
IN ERITREA AND BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA, IN WESTERN
SAHARA, AND CHAD.

-- RECOGNITION OF THE CANARY ISLAND LIBERATION FRONT.
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-- ANY EFFORT TO CREATE A REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AS IMPLIED IN NIGERIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNGA
THIRD COMMITTEE AND AT THE UNHRC.

-- DEBATE ON ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT TO INCREASE AVAILA-
BILITY OF RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; REACTIONS
TO THE CURRENT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

-- NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS NIEO, COMMODITY
AGREEMENTS, THE COMMON FUND.

-- RENEWED ATTEMPTS TO LINK ZIONISM AND RACISM.

-- AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR OR OPPOSITION TO THE SADAT MIDDLE
EAST PEACE INITIATIVE: WILL THIS BE ROUGHLY HANDLED AS
IT WAS AT THE RECENT NAM MEETINGS IN HAVANA OR WILL
AFRICANS FALL IN BEHIND SADAT?

3. WE ARE REPEATING ADDIS REFTTEL CONTAINING MAJOR POINTS
PROVISIONAL OAU MEETINGS AGENDAS TO ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS.
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